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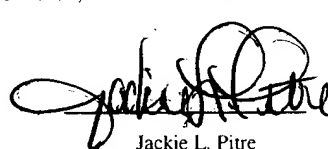
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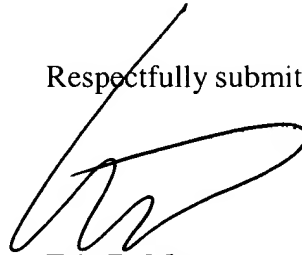
Sir:

Applicant petitions to make the above-referenced application special due to a joint inventor's age. As evidenced by the enclosed declaration of the joint inventor, George Stegemeier is over sixty-five (65) years of age.

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DECLARATION

1. My name is George L. Stegemeier. I am over the age of 65. I am a named inventor in the above-referenced application.
2. I hereby declare that all statements made of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

Signature:

Date:

George L. Stegemeier
10/18/01